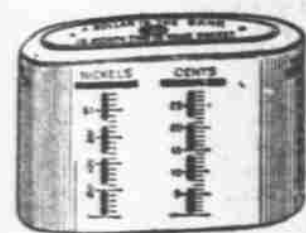


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THE GERMAN SYSTEM OF SECRET SERVICE

Every Inch of Ground in France
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Probably no army ever had the benefit of so far-reaching a system of secret service as that which the Germans developed in France. It is now known that every inch of the ground had been carefully studied, the ready money in every town estimated, every suitable horse and every ton of hay recorded and the plans of every bridge drawn.

There is nothing particularly new in the stratagems employed by the German spies, but the patience, thor-



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ARREST OF SUSPECTED GERMAN SPY BY FRENCH SOLDIERS.

oughness and hardihood with which they have worked are worthy of note. As long ago as 1887 the topography of the region in which the battle of the Marne was fought was carefully studied by spies, who presented themselves even at the mayors' offices and at the prefectures as engineers studying the ground for new railway lines. They got all the information they wanted. When it was discovered that the projected railway lines were myths it was too late.

It is known that more than 3,000 German spies were arrested in Belgium, most of whom have been tried by court martial. How many have been arrested in France no one knows. The government has thrown an impenetrable veil over all these proceedings.

ROYAL HEIRS TO TROUBLE.

Children of Belgium's King Are, In a Way, Victims of War.

While uneasy rest the heads that at present wear the crowns of Europe, the little heads on which last July the crowns were destined to shine understand but little of the significance of the awful struggle they know is going on about them.

Innocent children born to kingdoms have become heirs to trouble. They



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CROWN PRINCE LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM AND HIS SISTER PRINCESS MARIE.

may be when the war ends as poor as the poorest, for the present war may be a cataclysm which will destroy the European thrones. The map of Europe seems likely to be remade and what domains, if any, will fall to the children of royalty not even the diplomats profess to know.

The children of King Albert and Queen Elisabeth of Belgium are sad examples of the hard days that have fallen upon juvenile royalties. They are exiles from the land which has been so devastated by war and are now living in London. There is doubt that the Belgian throne will descend to the heir apparent. The kingdom has been claimed by the invader, and what will be the status of Belgium when the war ends is a question which only time can answer.

MAN OF DESTINY IN MEXICAN AFFAIRS

Francisco Villa Holds the Key
of Situation.

The metamorphosis of Francisco (popularly known as "Pancho") Villa from a bandit of the mountains of northern Mexico to the dominant figure in his country has been accomplished in a little more than four years. He is both the enigma and the key of the present situation.

Long ago it was reported that Villa intended to establish a separate republic in the north. He has already



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GENERAL FRANCISCO VILLA.

established a definite and distinct government which lacks only a name. At first Villa intended to maintain this government and let the Carranzistas and Zapatistas fight it out in the south. Now he is fully determined to gather in the whole of Mexico, but intends to take it at his leisure and not weaken any of his northern points or communications in order to wage his southern campaign.

It is a campaign of resources more than of bullets, with the advantage clearly on Villa's side.

Villa has declared that he would stand for no military leader elected to the presidency. He desires a civilian in that office, and as he will probably be in control of the situation his desires are likely to be carried out. He is confident of establishing peace inside of two months, or three at the most.

Constructive Criticism.

He—Is your literary club progressing satisfactorily? She—Indeed it is. At our last meeting we had a perfectly fascinating discussion of style. He—Fine. Shakespeare or Shaw? She—Neither. Skirts.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

A Good Example.
Father (in a lecturing mood): You never heard of a man getting into trouble by following a good example.
Son (Incorrigible): Yes, sir, I have—the counterfeiter.

A Vision of Judgment?
"Extremes met at our boarding house today," remarked the star boarder.
"How so?" asked the innocent by-sitter.
"I ate deviled ham and had angel cake for dessert."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Measurement.
"Remember," said the efficiency advocate, "that time is money."
"I suppose so," replied the worried man. "I'm getting so that it makes me as nervous to look at my watch as if it were the register on a taxicab."—Washington Star.

Cetty.
"What part of the club paper is Emmeline going to look after?"
"Well, she's such an expert on the subject that I suggested she attend to its makeup."—Baltimore American.

Medical Note.
"How is your brother?"
"Very low. He is being treated by three doctors."
"What cowards! Three against one."—Budapest Borsenm Janka.

If thou shouldst lay up even a little upon a little and shouldst do this often soon would even this become great.—Hesiod.

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Some men are born foolish and some
fall in love.

Good resolutions are inexpensive, but
they are hard to keep.

The censors are killing a lot of good
fiction in the present war.

About the most unimilitary thing in
the world is a prisoner of war.

The thought that "it might be worse"
is a kind of last resort consolation.

China is wearying of its ancient role
of doorman to the whole wide world.

It is to be regretted that the mirror
never shows us what everybody else
can see.

Some women will forget a sweet
dream in two hours and worry about
a bad one for two weeks.

Some military genius should devise a
floating mine that will not explode ex-
cept in contact with a hostile ship.

A woman boxer in New York lately
defeated a masculine opponent. This
means more trouble in the home.

An Illinois doctor says that George
Washington died of diphtheria. The
diagnosis is a trifle late, we should say.

A man who goes around with a chip
on his shoulder will finally encounter
as big a fool as he is, and there will be
a fight.

A New York sculptor has modeled a
piece representing the "Get There Spir-
it." Of course it is a demon chauffeur
at the wheel.

The position of a neutral may not be
a happy one, but take one consideration
with another it's a great deal
happier than that of any of the bellig-
erents.

Train and Track.

Many new short railways are being
built in Spain.

Smoking in British railway trains
was officially prohibited prior to the
year 1908.

The Canadian Pacific will electrify
the five mile tunnel now being bored
through the Selkirk mountains.

During the fiscal year ending June
30, 1914, the Panama railway carried
68,175 tons of through freight be-
tween the two seaboard and in the
preceding year 224,040 tons.

Early Hand Guns.

When Edward IV. returned to Eng-
land, in 1471, ten years after he suc-
ceeded to the throne, he obtained some
forces from his brother-in-law, the Duke
of Burgundy, including 300 Flemings
armed with hand guns, thus being the
first to introduce these weapons into
England. Afterward they became com-
mon. At first they were fired by the
application of a lighted match to the
touchhole by the hand. The match was
a wick lighted and pressed against the
powder in the pan. The invention of a
lock to fire the powder in place of the
hand was suggested by the trigger of
the crossbow. The matchlock fired the
arquebus, or harquebus, used by the
soldiers of the fifteenth and sixteenth
centuries, in projecting a ball which
weighed nearly two ounces.—London
Telegraph.

A Rapid Calculation Trick.

By means of a simple arrangement
of numbers a calculation can be made
which will easily puzzle any unsus-
pecting person. If the two numbers
41,096 and 83 be written out in multi-
plication form very few will endeavor
to write down the answer directly
without first going through the regular
work. By placing the 3 in front of the
4 and the 8 back of the 6 the answer is
obtained at once, thus: 41,096x83 equals
3,410,968. A larger number which can
be treated in the same way is the fol-
lowing: 4,108,589,041,006x83 equals 341-
096,890,410,968.—Popular Mechanics.

Tibetans and Prayers.

The Tibetans are the most pre-em-
nent praying people on the face of the
earth. They have praying stones,
praying pyramids, praying flags flying
over all the houses, praying wheels
and praying mills and the universal
prayer, "Om mani pad me haum," is
never out of their mouths.—Exchange.

Crystal Wedding Anticipated.

"What did he send you for a wedding
present?"
"Out glass."
"Ah! Tableware, I suppose?"
"No; a necklace."—London Standard.

Grassed Torpedoes.

It is not generally known that every
torpedo is covered over with fine vesi-
cles so as to make it run easily in its
tube as well as to protect the valuable
weapon from rust and sea water.

Hard Luck.

"Terrible predicament Jones was in."
"What was that?"
"Got to hot water and couldn't get
anybody to bail him out."—Baltimore
American.



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